GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2471
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Corporatisation of Ports
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government has any plan of converting major-ports into corporate entities;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(c) whether the Government is aware of any protests against such plan and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(d) the details of alternative measures proposed to be taken by the Government in case of non-corporatisation of ports?

Answer

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d):Ministry of Shipping has introduced the Major Port Authorities Bill, 2016 in the Lok Sabha on 16.12.2016 to bring in more efficiency and transparency in port operations and to impart greater autonomy and flexibility in the management and governance of Major Ports.The provisions of the Bill do not provide for corporatisation of Major Ports in terms of bringing the ports under the Companies Act, 2013. This was clarified to the Labour Federations on 29.08.2016 in a joint meeting held with Chief Labour Commissioner(Central) and Ministry of Shipping.

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